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Sunday of Advent

They shall beat their swords
into plowshares and their
spears into pruning hooks;
one nation shall not raise
the sword against another.

Isaiah 2:4

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December 1, 2019

MASSES:

WEEKDAYS: Mon-Fri: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM
Saturdays: 8:00 AM

WEEKENDS: Saturday (Vigil): 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9, 10:30 AM, 12 & 7:30 PM

HOLY DAYS:

HOLY DAY VIGIL MASS: 6:00 PM
HOLY DAY: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, & 6:00 PM

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 6:15 to 6:45 PM
(During the Divine Mercy Devotion)
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:45 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Every first Saturday of the month
from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM and all
Wednesdays from 6:00 pm to 7:00 PM

CHURCH HOURS:

OPEN: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and
Friday: 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Wednesday: 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Saturday: 7:30 AM – Closed after 5:00 PM
Mass.
Sundays: 7:00 AM – Closed after 7:30 PM
Mass

DEVOTIONS:

MIRACULOUS MEDAL Monday, following the
8:00 AM Mass

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET Wednesday
6:00 PM

ROSARY: Recitation of the Rosary takes place
after every 6:30 and 8:00 AM Mass during the
week, and after the 8:00 am Mass on Satur-
day.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays, During
Lent, at 6:00 PM

THIS WEEK: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH/ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS:

FOCUS: Advent is a time to prepare for the Lord. In this season of Advent, we remember our place in salvation history. We remember that we, who again and again break the covenant established with God, are offered salvation through that same God who came as a baby to live, suffer, die and rise so that we may live forever with him.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Isaiah prophesies that *the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established* and raised, and that instruction shall come out from Zion. Then God will judge between nations. Saint Paul warns the Romans that salvation is imminent, and that they should cast off sin and darkness and choose to live in the light of Jesus Christ. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks to his disciples about the people of Noah's time who were living carelessly when the flood came, and warns that as it was then, so it is for them. They must be watchful and ready, for God will come at an hour they do not expect.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER ~ For those who are ill, and those in need of our prayers...

Dora Lanzner
Markus Tolentino
Mitania Fabian
Vicky Rice
Jenny Arimoto
Jennifer Kaczor
John Lewis
Jeannette Carroll
Gisela Herrera
Jolanta Zylak
Nikodem Zylak
Patrick Wellman
Loren Record
Catherine Macaulay Mallen
Patricia Farina
James Reuter
Cecile Rutkowski
Victor D.
Antonia Alvarado
Theo Hayez
Lupe Vega
Matthew Cook
Diane Sortino
Linda Smith
Dina Giron
Baby Chrislande and
Mom Yolande
Stuart & Maxine Liebman
Mark Yngson
Raul Moran
Magally Rollice
Kristin Wygal
Thomas Brasil
Baby Braxton Bjorn Roe
Julio Arritola
Javier Antunes
Robin Hebert
Cathy Brunett
Victoria Gomez
Bob Duron
Angie Alvarado
Anastasia White
Katherine King
Ramon Villafan
Vera Romo
Maria Castano
Ernesto Hernandez
Eduardo Hernandez
Ines Hernandez

Barbara Degraffenread
Alberto Gonzalez, Jr.
Nicole Tredinnick
Avery Oppenheimer
Richard & Maggie Harris
August Wygal
Richard Moran
Michelle King
Baby Sam Tello
Peter Cathcart
Jan Semik
Roland Adams
Severina Dizon
Yolanda Wygal
Vincent Morgione
Vicki Mitsakos
Valerie Adamczyk
Ursula Bloor
Sylvia Yates
Steven Wygal
Stephane Lempire
Seth Brunett
Rosado Family
Robbie Cole
Peggy Tyrrell
Paul Stasiak
Nuria Lavilla Brau
Natalie Nunez
Nancy Collins
Michlene "Mimi" Hébert
Michelle Anaya
Melvin Peluchette
Mary Ann Kwinn
Mark Burnett
Marie Briody
Manuel Villalobos
Lysa Dennehy
Lori Caldwell
Lizbeth Taylor
Lada Zubrinic
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Julie Schiavone
Julie Martinez
Joyce Lynn Donnellan
Josephine Sullivan

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Jose A. Anaya
Jordan Aponte
John Allen
Joel Rivera
Joanna Musacchio
Jim Tyrrell
Jessica Leoni
Janet Erike
James Dugan
India Wygal
Ian Maxwell
Hannah & Carl Borgentun
Grace Avilez
Ging Savares
Germaine Wensley
Fr. Lancy Pereira
Elizabeth Hauser
Elaine Fischel
Donald "Sunny" Sunderlin
Dina Yordy
Diana Guerra
Deshi Chopra
Debbie Atwell
Deanna Marie Messier
Daisy Lezcano
Cynthia McCarthy
Cleofas Prieto
Christine Houchin & family
Charles Keglevich
Charles Guerra
Carolyn Lispcomb
Brandi Hines
Beverly Galip Marinelli
Belkis Guerra
Beatrice Vasek
Barbara Clark
Baby Grace Rose
Awwad
Baby girl Ramsay
Sketon
Baby Colton Smith



YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE:

Our parish community prays for each other and this is our ever-changing prayer list.

It is a way for all of us to support those who are ill or in need of our prayers. New names are added to the beginning of the list, as they are received.

Would you like for our parish community to pray for you or a loved one who is ill or in need?

Call the Parish Office at 310-670-2243 to request names to be added or returned to the list. Thank you for your cooperation.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Birthday ★ Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 2019
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUN. 12/01
7:30 AM HORST SCHAEFER †
9:30 AM JOSEPH MASCITELLI †
10:30 AM DANIEL CATHCART †
12:00 NN MADELINE LUND †
7:30 PM ST. ANASTASIA PARISHIONERS

MON. 12/02
6:30 AM YOLANDA HERNANDEZ
8:00 AM FOR HEALING ♦

TUE. 12/03
6:30 AM TOM MALLEN ★
8:00 AM SPECIAL INTENTION

WED. 12/04
6:30 AM SALVATORE PIUMETTI †
8:00 AM HANNAH TURGEON †

THURS. 12/05
6:30 AM REYNALDO GALUTERRA †
8:00 AM ADRIAN STACK †

FRI. 12/06
6:30 AM FOR HEALING ♦
8:00 AM VIRGINIA REYNOSA †

SAT. 12/07
8:00 AM MICHAEL MITSAKOS †
5:00 PM JOHN MORGAN †



SAVE THESE DATES!



Thursday, December 12th: *A Mass to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe* will be offered here, at St. Anastasia. Fr. Leszek will officiate. (Rosary @ 6 pm followed by Mass) Reception will follow in The Diamond Courtyard! **ALL ARE WELCOME!**



The 3½ Stories of Christmas!

Sunday, December 22nd @ 4 pm in the Church

As we begin this hectic season of Advent and Christmas, let's take time to enjoy the simple gift of an evening with our family and friends. Please join us on Sunday, December 22, at 4:00 pm in the Church for a family friendly play by Frank Runyeon. If his name sounds familiar, he presented our Lenten Mission. He was awesome. You don't want to miss him again! *3-1/2 Christmas Stories* announces the true meaning of Christmas with humor. After the presentation, all are invited to a fiesta featuring music, food, and fun in Pastors Plaza. So bundle up and join us! BTW its FREE!

CONFESSIONS:

Wednesday: 6:15 to 6:45 PM
Saturday: 3:30 to 4:45 PM



TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION:

(For those who are sick, hospitalized, or home bound).
Please call the parish office. 310.670.2243

FAMILY VISITATION MINISTRY:

The Family Visitation Ministry offers spiritual support to those in need. Please call Sr. Teresita at 310-216-2001, or the Church Office at 310-670-2243.

CHURCH HOURS:

- ◆ The Church is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 6 AM—6 PM (closing time).
- ◆ On Wednesdays, Divine Mercy is from 6-7 pm. There is Confession from 6:15-6:45 pm. (During Devotion). Church will be closed at 7 pm. (Only on this day.)
- ◆ The Church will be closed on Saturdays after the 5:00 PM Mass.
- ◆ The Church will be closed on Sundays after the 7:30 PM evening Mass.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: PLEASE PAY

ATTENTION TO THE NEW OFFICE CLOSING TIME!!

The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday; from 8:30 am to **4:30 pm**. Phone hours are: 9 am—3 pm—310-670-2243. Email: parish@st-anastasia.org.

Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord!

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH

~ Next Week ~

**Saturday, December 7th &
Sunday, December 8th, 2019**



Masses:

Sat: 5:00 PM
Sun: 7:30 AM
Sun: 9:00 AM
Sun: 10:30 AM
Sun: 12:00 PM
Sun: 7:30 PM

Celebrants:

Fr. Semik
Fr. Innocent
Msgr. Cox
Fr. King
Fr. Uche
Fr. Semik



***We encourage all to read
and reflect on the Biblical passages
that will be proclaimed at
Masses next week***

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).
Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).
Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).
Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).



Saint Anastasia was born in 281 A.D. and became a perfect symbol of peace, humanity, and solidarity. Her Feast Day is December 25th. She is a symbol of dialogue and collaboration. In her spirit, and in the spirit of love, we welcome all to the Catholic Community of St. Anastasia Catholic Church.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING & REFLECTION

The Season of Advent is soon upon us. Advent is the season of waiting for Jesus' coming. During this season we focus on being ready to receive Christ. We need people, individuals, and families to volunteer to participate in this liturgical activity. Your presence and participation in this activity would be a great blessing. The sign-up poster is in the Vestibule this weekend.



The St. Anastasia Children's Choir

has begun its 2019/2020 season. All children, grades 1 - 4 are welcome to join! Rehearsals are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3pm to 4pm and the choir sings twice a month at the 9am Sunday Mass. Also, we will sing on Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday. To join, please request and submit a registration form to the Director of Music Ministry, Chris Roque. For any further questions, please email croque@St-Anastasia.org



St. Anastasia Bible Study

Where do I go for guidance in times of confusion?



The Letter to the Hebrews

This inspiring letter provided the early Christians the truth and hope they longed for. It can do the same for you today.

- 📖 Study by Scott Hahn & Mark Shea. Video by Fr. Mitch Pacwa.
- 📅 Begins Tuesday, January 7. Attend either the morning session, 9:00-10:30 am, or the evening session, 7:30-9:00 pm.
- 📝 Please register at the Parish Office by December 16. Cost for materials is \$20 (\$25 after December 16).

Contact: Carolyn Godlewski
ScriptureStudyGal@gmail.com or call (310) 670-2243

UNBOUND!

The weekend of December 7/8th, St. Anastasia will welcome Rev. Martin Holler, who will celebrate Masses and share with us the work of **UNBOUND**, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 18 developing countries. To learn more, call 800-875-6564, or visit UNBOUND online at www.unbound.org.

REMINDER ! ST. ANASTASIA OFFERS:

MONDAY: Miraculous Novena, following the 8 am Mass.

TUESDAY-SATURDAY: Recitation of the Rosary after all Masses, 6:30, 8 am.

1st SATURDAY: Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30 to 9:30 am.

WEDNESDAY EVENING: 6 pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Eucharistic Adoration. *Confession* 6:15 - 6:45 pm.

1st WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH: Men's Morning Hour Group; attends 6:30 am Mass - reflection and discussion follows in Parish Office Conference room.

1st THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: MOMS - Meets from 10 – 11:30 am. Just come and join.

3rd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: The St. Joseph Center collection takes place after all Masses. This collection benefits the poorest and needy of the Westside area. Your contributions of cash/non-perishable food are really appreciated.

3rd THURSDAY OF THE MONTH: Companions on the Journey—Come and share your joys and sorrows with Fr. Leszek, the third Thursday of each month from 10 to 11:30 am. Meet in Parish Office Conference Room.

EVERY LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: After all Masses: the monthly Wedding Anniversary Blessing takes place for couples married during that particular month. All are welcome!

CONFESSIONS: Wednesdays, from 6:15 to 6:45 pm, and Saturdays, from 3:30 to 4:45 pm.

The Emmaus Ministry Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents

Losing child under any circumstances is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. A ministry for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago. Please join us.

EMMAUS MINISTRY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS
St. Bartholomew Church
252 Granada Ave., Long Beach, CA 90803

ONE-DAY SPIRITUAL RETREAT
December 7th, 2019
9:30 am—7:30 pm

For more information, call Sr. Dean Pfahler, SND
At 562-438-3826 ext. 253.

MINISTRY EQUIPS US TO DEEPEN OUR LOVE FOR GOD AND SHARE OUR FAITH...

**CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY,
THE VIRGIN OF GUADALUPE,
TODAY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 2019**

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles will host the 88th annual celebration of the devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe with a Procession and Mass in East Los Angeles on Sunday, December 1st, 2019. This year's theme is: **"Our lady of Guadalupe: Ark of Salvation."**

The celebration begins at 10:30 am at the corner of Cesar Chavez and Ford Blvd. The procession will conclude at the East Los Angeles Stadium at 1 pm with Mass presided by Archbishop Jose H. Gomez and concelebrated by the auxiliary bishops and priests from throughout the Archdiocese. All are welcome!

Don't wait until 2030 to see the Passion Play -

Join us in May 2020. Oberammergau Passion Play plus Munich, Salzburg, Venice, Padua, Assisi and Rome. Hosted by Maritza Leon and Spiritual Director, Fr. Greg Bramlage, Missionaries of the New Evangelization, Diocese of Colorado Springs. Twelve days from May 18 to May 29, 2020 including a Papal audience. For more information contact Maritza Duran-Leon at 310-895-8898.

Celebrate the Christmas Season with the Social Club

On *Saturday, December 7*, we will be traveling to Citrus College to see their fabulous production *"Christmas Is"*. You will be transported to Storybook Land, as your favorite characters come to life to help Santa Claus demonstrate the true meaning of Christmas! Before the show, we will stop for lunch at the Hometown Buffet. *The \$79 price includes the bus, lunch, show, and gratuities. We will be leaving St Anastasia's Church at 10:30 AM and will return about 5:30 PM. Call Laurette now at 310-670-2488 to reserve your space.*

Fact of Life - Freddie Figgers is the owner and CEO of the only telecommunications network in the nation owned by an African-American which has a net worth of over \$62 million. But Figgers doesn't fit the description of a "wanted" child by the abortion industry's standards. His mother abandoned him in a dumpster when he was a newborn. Thankfully, he was found and then adopted just 13 days later by parents who taught him to believe in himself and to be happy. He says they made him the man he is today....www.liveaction.org

Did You Know? Strategies for Protecting God's Children:

Learn about the Internet. Ask your children to show you how they use the Internet. You will get a sense of their interest by sitting with your children and visiting their favorite sites. Learn how to check what your children do online. Learn how to use monitoring and blocking software. Be aware that even the best software can be circumvented. Learn what resources your computer system offers beyond monitoring software. Talk to your children frequently about online dangers. Tell your children that what they see online may or may not be true.

**St. Margaret's Center
Christmas Program**

It's time for the annual St. Margaret's Center Christmas Program and your generous support is needed! We are preparing a magical day for approximately 1,000 low-income children and their parents from "LAX" communities. Please bring your toys from the Giving Tree back to the Parish by **December 10th**. If you'd like to purchase toys from Amazon, go to "Find Someone's List" and enter "St. Margaret's Center" to find our wish list. Besides new toys and cash donations, there is a need for **adult** volunteers, both for the event day, **December 14th**, and the four days preceding the event. To register as a volunteer, and for more information, please go to our website: <https://sites.google.com/site/smcxmas/home> If you have any questions, you can call 310-672-2208, or email smcxmas@gmail.com.



Thank you in advance for your support!

ST ANASTASIA'S MENS CLUB

Our Men's Club is a social group for men in our parish to gather for community and for fun activities. Check out <https://one.bidpal.net/mensclub1920> for all of the details and online registration. Happy Hour 2020 is up next. **JOIN IN THE FUN!**



Faith for Kids
...yet I and my sons and my kin will keep to the covenant of our fathers.



- 1 Maccabees 2:20

What happens when others say or do things that you know are wrong? Do you speak up? Sometimes, it can be tempting to take the easy way out, say nothing, and just go along with it. Who will know? You know the answer: God will know. We can't blame other people for our choices and actions. God expects us to choose what is right, no matter what. But God doesn't leave us alone. He's given us gifts like our conscience and the commandments to help us. At our baptism, He gives us gifts like courage and wisdom. Stay close to God, and He'll help you choose what's right.

God, give me courage to do the right thing today.

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ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Sacrament for the Sick is celebrated upon request of the family. Call the Parish Office 310-670-2243.

BAPTISM: Parents and Godparents are required to participate in preparation program. Call the Parish Office 310-670-2243.

MARRIAGE: Engaged couples must contact the Office no later than 6 months before their proposed wedding date. Call the Parish Office 310-670-2243.

R.C.I.A.: (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) - *Becoming Catholics* - Call the Parish Office 310-670-2243.

FUNERALS: Call the Parish Office: 310-670-2243.

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